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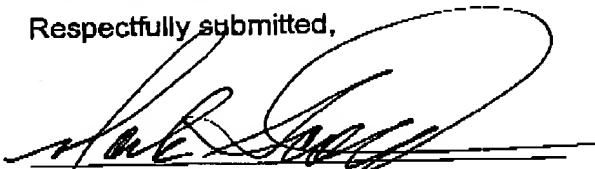
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Applicant has received the final Office action dated August 30, 2004, in which the Examiner: 1) allowed claims 1-15 and 18-23; and 2) rejected claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lomax (U.S. Patent No. 6,493,740) in view of Bressound et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,802,265).

With this Response, Applicant has canceled claims 16 and 17. This cancellation is without prejudice to later asserting these claims, such as in a continuation application. All the remaining claims were indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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